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EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT WEST
AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING, SEVERAL OF WHICH

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REINFORCE OR OVERLAP THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS

B AND C:

1. LDC/DC ECONOMIC CONFRONTATION: EXTENT TO WHICH THERE ARE EMERGING IDENTIFIABLE WEST AFRICAN INTERESTS OR POSITIONS DISTINCT FROM GENERAL "PRINCIPLES" CONTAINED IN SUCH DOCUMENTS AT CHARTER ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND DAKAR DECLARATION; WEST AFRICAN ROLE IN LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION; MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN GAIN HEARING FOR US VIEWS ON LDC/DC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ELICIT SERIOUS EXPLANATIONS OF LOCAL PERSPECTIVE.

2. ENERGY CRISIS: IMPACT ON WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIES OF INFLATED ENERGY COSTS; FUTURE PROSPECTS.

3. SAHEL: EXTENT OF RECOVERY FROM DROUGHT CONDITIONS OF RECENT YEARS; STEPS SAHELIAN STATES ARE TAKING TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION AND AMELIORATION OF FUTURE DROUGHTS; PROGRAMS FOR LONG-TERM SAHEL AID; ROLE OMVS LIKELY TO PLAY.

4. REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: PRACTICAL PROSPECTS FOR WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION/INTEGRATION; HOW CEAO IS AFFECTING INTER-AFRICAN TRADE AND COOPERATION; VIABILITY OF ECOWAS.

5. TRADE ISSUES: EXTENT OF PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE FOLLOWED SIGNING OF LOME CONVENTION; LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD COOPERATION WITH EEC; PROSPECTS FOR MAINTAINING OR ELIMINATING REVERSE PREFERENCES; INDICATIONS OF INTEREST IN OR PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF US SYSTEM OF GSP; HOST COUNTRIES' PERCEPTIONS OF MTN.

6. OAU MEETING: SIGNIFICANCE OF KAMPALA RESOLUTIONS FOR WEST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

7. SOUTHERN AFRICA: WEST AFRICAN REACTION TO "DETENTE;" CURRENT EFFORTS AT "DIALOGUE."

8. COMMUNIST PRESENCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR US OF GROWING COMMUNIST ROLE IN GUINEA-BISSAU, CAPE VERDES AND ELSEWHERE.

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9. ISRAEL/KOREA: METHODS FOR PURSUING WEST AFRICAN COOPERATION IN PRESERVING ISRAEL AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES; PROSPECTS FOR SUPPORT.

10. POUCH SERVICE:

1. ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND ORGANIZATION ISSUES,

INFORMED DISCUSSION OF OVERALL US STRATEGIES WOULD BE AT LEAST
AS USEFUL FOR US AS COMPARISON OF FOREIGN POSITIONS, AND
WE ENTIRELY CONCUR WITH REFTELS' RECOMMENDATION THAT USUN/
UNP AND EB REPRESENTATIVES BE INVITED TO TAKE PART.
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